

REMARKS

Claims 107, 108, 129, 131-168 are pending. In this paper, claims 107, 108, 129, 131, 136, 137, 144, 146, 149, 151, 159, 163, and 167 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, and to further clarify the invention over the references of record.

Reconsideration of the application is requested for the following reasons.

In the Office Action, claims 107, 108, 144, 156-158, and 160-162 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for being anticipated by the newly cited Wenk patent. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 107 has been amended to clarify that the processor in the hard-wired phone sets the first wireless communications unit “to receive said calls from a mobile communications network at a phone number of second wireless communications unit which is a user’s pre-existing mobile telephone number.” (Emphasis added).

As a result of this amendment, claim 107 covers a telephone set that operates as follows. If the user’s pre-existing mobile telephone number is 571-555-1212, then the processor will automatically set an internal wireless communications unit (namely, the “first wireless communications unit”) within the telephone set to receive calls from a mobile communications network at the telephone number of 571-555-1212. Such a phone is not disclosed by the Wenk patent.

The Wenk patent discloses a personal base station 345 which has two docking stations. The first docking station receives a cordless phone 34' and the second docking station receives a cellular phone 347. In operation, when the cellular phone gets near the base station, the phone number of the cellular phone is received by the base station. Alternatively, the base station may receive the number of the cellular phone through a user interface (e.g., keypad) 42'. See Figure 9.

When the base station receives the phone number of the cellular phone 347, a mobile network is instructed to route all calls to base station 18. However, unlike claim 107, the mobile network is instructed to route calls for the cellular phone to a landline telephone number corresponding to the base station. (See column 9, line 65 - column 10, line 5). The Wenk patent does not disclose automatically setting an internal wireless communications unit to receive calls from a mobile communications network at the telephone number of the second wireless communications unit which is a user's pre-existing mobile telephone number as recited in claim 107. (Emphasis added). In contrast to claim 107, all modifications are made to the network routing circuits, all of which are external to the telephone set. The setting function of the internal wireless unit performed by the processor of the claimed invention is therefore not performed.

Thus, by way of illustration, consider the foregoing example where the phone number of cellular phone 347 is 571-555-1212. The Wenk system would instruct all calls dialed to 571-555-1212 to be routed to the landline phone number of base station 18 (e.g., 571-000-000). The Wenk system does not automatically set an internal wireless

communications unit (first wireless communications unit) to receive calls at the same number as the cellular phone (571-272-1212) through a mobile communications network.

Absent a disclosure of these features, it is respectfully submitted that the Wenk patent cannot anticipate claim 107. Applicant further submits that these differences are sufficient to render claim 107 and its dependent claims non-obvious and thus patentable over the Wenk patent.

Claim 108 also recites a processor which automatically sets “the first wireless communications unit to receive said calls from a mobile communications network at a phone number of a second wireless communications unit which is a user’s pre-existing mobile telephone number.” The Wenk patent does not disclose these features. Applicant therefore submits that claim 108 and its dependent claims are also allowable over the Wenk patent.

The Wenk patent was combined with one or more secondary references to reject claims which depend from claims 107 or 108. Applicant traverses this rejection on grounds that none of the secondary references teach or suggest the features added by amendment to base claims 107 and 108, whether these references are taken alone or in combination.

Claims 129, 131, 132, 134-136, 138-141, 143, 164-166, and 168 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) for being obvious in view of a Wenk-Norman combination. Claim 129 has been amended to recite features similar to those which patentably distinguish claims 107 and 108 from the Wenk patent. Applicant respectfully submits that these features are not

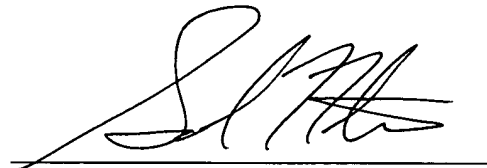
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taught or suggested by the Norman patent, and that therefore claim 129 and its dependent claims are allowable based on at least these differences.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR ' 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with this application, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 16-0607 and credit any excess fees to the same Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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